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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Pastor: Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

It is accomplished! Our Church Council YMCA Sub-Committee met with YMCA Memphis Senior Vice President, Dave Bratcher, and hammered out the remaining details of our lease agreement. Last week, I signed the agreement along with our District Superintendent, Rev. Nancy Johnston-Varden. Here are some highlights of that agreement:

- The lease begins on September 1. They will begin with a soft opening, offering group exercise classes and community programs with an eye on fully turning the facility into a fully operational center in January.
- The agreement is for 3 years.
- This partnership will save the church \$40,000 in utilities and insurance reimbursements.
- All members of FUMC (current and future) will receive a 100% membership discount. Please note that this is not automatic and our church members will still need to register with the YMCA like everyone else. Also note, there was discussion of a 60-day window to register our members, but the YMCA rescinded that requirement.
- The church has promised to repair our 25-year-old roof over the FLC, and the YMCA has agreed to maintain the gym floor and the kitchen appliances in the FLC.
- Our Tuesday night basketball and Sunday evening children/youth activities will have private access to the gym area of the FLC, and our guests will not be required to have a YMCA membership. The FUMC will maintain the ability to reserve the gym area for other private events with advanced notice.

I want to thank my predecessor, Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel, for her tremendous work in making this ministry partnership come together. I am looking forward to working with the incoming executive director and dreaming new dreams for how we can best serve Dyersburg. Personally, my family has been blessed tremendously over the last few decades by the YMCA, and I know that God is going to do big things with this partnership.

More information will be made available in the coming weeks and months. There will indeed be some growing pains as we work to make space for our new neighbors; I urge all of us to handle our irritations with patience and grace.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

USHERS

Charles Brown
Thomas Lemons
Tim Taylor
Baird Lewis
Bill Yates

GREETERS

David Hayes
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Baird Lewis

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love, Share,
and Serve Christ*

Our Vision Statement

*We seek to love God above
everything and to love our
neighbors as ourselves*

Our Values

*Hospitality, Outreach, Loving,
Tradition, Community,
Teaching, Family*



Monday - Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm

RECORD OF LOYALTY (8/3/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	34
In Person Worship	117
Sunday School	68

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$410,178.42
Expenses Year to Date	\$403,193.38
Income (June)	\$52,029.36
Expenses (June)	\$69,044.95
Communion Offering	\$877.00
(Weekend Food For Kids)	

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, a prayer request/update, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please send your information to Tori and Karen in the church office. It's easy. Call 731-285-6454 or email - tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com.

Send to both emails to make sure we get your information correct and into the newsletter.

Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.

From The Altar Committee

If you wish to place flowers in the chancel area in memory or in honor of someone, please call Karen in the church office and be placed on the calendar. Thanks!

A Ray of Hope at the **Rhea House**

"Restoring Hope, One Relationship at a Time."

(731) 285-6454



The **July/August** Upper Rooms are in! Please remember to save and recycle your previous devotional. Bring it with you when you pick up your new devotional. Both can be dropped and picked up in the Connect Center.

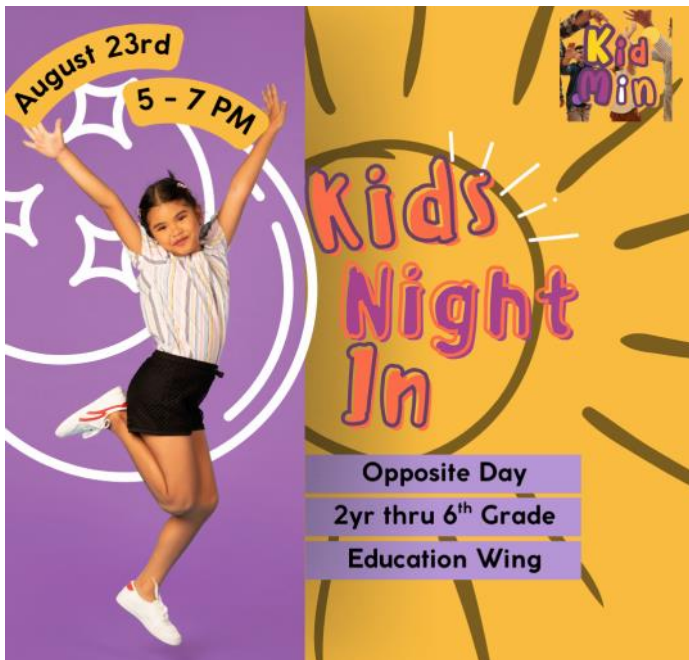
ROSS UMC WELCOMING SERVICE

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with great joy and heartfelt anticipation that we extend this warm invitation to you and your congregation to join us for the *Welcoming Service of Pastors Davey and Cassandra Parker*, as they officially begin their assignment as the new pastoral leaders of Ross United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, TN.

The service will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 12:00 noon at our church located at 101 Calcott Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024. We are excited to celebrate this new season of ministry with praise, fellowship, and the preached Word of God. Following the service, we will share in a time of fellowship over dinner.

Your presence would mean so much to us, and we would be honored to worship with you as we celebrate what God is doing in and through His church. We hope you will make plans to attend and help us welcome Pastors Parker with love and support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you plan to bring a group.

With love and expectation,
Ross United Methodist Church Family



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP FROM ANYWHERE

Our Sunday morning service is viewable each Sunday morning at 10:15 am from our church's webpage at <https://www.fumcdyersburg.com/media> or our Facebook page at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. You can also watch previous sermons on either site.

NOT GETTING CHURCH EMAILS?
 We have been experiencing undeliverable emails for church members' accounts. If you regularly get emails from any of the staff, please add us to your email contacts and safe sender list. Our emails are not always getting through. This will help keep it from getting blocked or going to spam and junk mail.

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Tomato Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Vienna Sausage

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also still mail them or go online. It's easy: mail your check to the church at P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025 OR give online by going to <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>.

Prayer Requests

In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every **three weeks**.

Ardis Phillips

Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,
 213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells, TN 38006

Bill Troy

Ron Gathright

George Robertson

Cherry Robertson

Linda Jones

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

**If you'd like to send cards, contact the church office for addresses if you need them.*

HOSPITALITY CORNER

FROM YOUR EVANGELISM TEAM

CARRYING OUT BENEVOLENCE MEANS

"FIRST, DOING NOTHING HARMFUL, AND
 SECOND, DOING ALL WE CAN TO BE
 USEFUL." THE STRENGTH CREATED BY
 THE GRATITUDE WE FEEL FOR WHAT
 THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US HELPS US
 SHARE OUR LOVE WITH OTHERS.

Sunday, August 10, 2025
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Send form #3579 to The Word, P.O.Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, FUMC

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Steven Lefebvre, Preaching

Monday August 18, 2025
Church Council - 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

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